

LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK
OF BROOKLYN

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MURALS

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Portrayals of Abraham Lincoln

Murals at Lincoln Savings Bank of Brooklyn

Excerpts from newspapers and other
sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

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The Lincoln Savings Bank of Brooklyn

Organized 1866

MAIN OFFICE: 531 BROADWAY, BROOKLYN 6, NEW YORK



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October 27, 1954

Miss Margaret Moellering
The Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Miss Moellering:

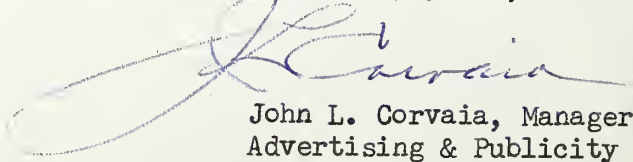
Thank you for your keen interest in our murals here at the bank.
Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

Pictures of the murals on the two facades of our mezzanines which
overlook our banking floor are enclosed herewith.

The "Life of Lincoln" mural was painted by Vincent Aderenti and
"Property is the fruit of labor" was painted by Louis Bagnoli. Although the
"Life of Lincoln" was unveiled about 14 years ago, it was re-touched and
re-dedicated at our "Open House" modernization celebration on Saturday,
June 12, 1954, along with the new "Property", etc. mural.

At your convenience we shall appreciate receiving a copy of the
article after publication.

Very truly yours,



John L. Corvaia, Manager
Advertising & Publicity

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Property is the fruit of labor-property is desirable-
is a positive good in the world. That some should
be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is
just encouragement to industry and enterprise.
Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of
another; but let him labor diligently and build one for himself,
thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from
violence when built.

A. Lincoln

March 21, 1864



November 3, 1954

Mr. John L. Corvaia
Lincoln Savings Bank of Brooklyn
531 Broadway
Brooklyn 6, New York

Dear Mr. Corvaia:

I regret sincerely that we were obliged to go to press with respect to the Lincoln medallions before receiving your letter so the very beautiful mural is not noted. However, we are happy indeed to have it for our collection and thank you for making it available.

Very truly yours,

LAW/JLA

Director



*You are cordially invited to attend
a buffet supper and preview
of the spacious new building of
The Lincoln Savings Bank's Flatbush Office
featuring the unveiling of
a carved slate mural of Abraham Lincoln
by the noted sculptor Frank Eliscu*

CHURCH AND NOSTRAND AVENUES
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

TUESDAY, JUNE 5th
FROM 5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
The Lincoln Savings Bank
531 Broadway
Brooklyn 6, N.Y.

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John L. Corvaia
Press Representative

BUILDING PREVIEW AND BAS-RELIEF UNVEILING AT LINCOLN

Wilfred Wottrich, Chairman of the Board of The Lincoln Savings Bank, today announced that a preview of the expanded and modernized Flatbush office and the unveiling of a carved slate Lincoln mural by the noted sculptor, Frank Eliscu, will take place on Tuesday evening, June 5, 1962, between the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 P.M.

Located at the corner of Church and Nostrand Avenues, the office has been enlarged by 6000 square feet with a decor that is pleasantly modern in tone. Depositors will find 22 tellers windows for their convenience and efficient service.

The bas-relief, carved in slate by Frank Eliscu, presents an heroic figure of Abraham Lincoln seated on an outdoor bench. Unique and original, the mural has been beautifully expressed and masterfully executed by the artist. The central panel is 10 feet in width and 6 feet in height and is flanked on each side by smaller panels one foot in width. Representing many months of work, from the quarry in Vermont to the skillful carving by the sculptor, the bas-relief's multi-dimensional effect is enhanced by overhead focal-lighting.

The Bank is indeed proud to add this notable work of art to its growing collection - original tributes to the great man for whom it was named.

The program for the evening will include the delivery of the Gettysburg Address by Doctor Alfred Grant Walton, pastor of the Flatbush-Tompkins Congregational Church, and Arthur C. Ebinger, prominent resident and businessman of Flatbush and a Trustee of The Lincoln Savings Bank, will draw on his recollections and reminisce on Flatbush life. The program will also include musical selections by a choral group of the Salem Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. Mary Middleton.

PREVIEW OF ENLARGED AND REMODELED
FLATBUSH OFFICE
AND UNVEILING OF BAS-RELIEF
OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN



THE LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK

The Life Insurance and Savings Bank

1866 - 1962



TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 1962

5:30 P. M.



PROGRAM

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- "Star Spangled Banner".....MRS. JOYCE WALLACE
Soprano, Salem Baptist Church
- Invocation.....REV. JOHN DONNELLY
Holy Cross R. C. Church
- Greeting.....MICHAEL J. BURKE
President
The Lincoln Savings Bank
- Unveiling.....RICHARD HUNKEN
Ass't Secretary
The Lincoln Savings Bank
- "The Gettysburg Address".....DR. ALFRED G. WALTON
Minister, Flatbush-Tompkins Congregational Church
- "The Battle Hymn of the Republic".....SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH CHORUS
Under direction of Mrs. Mary Middleton
Ruth Branker Cesar, Pianist
- The Lincoln and Flatbush.....WILFRED WOTTRICH
Chairman of the Board
The Lincoln Savings Bank
- Reminiscences of Flatbush.....ARTHUR EBINGER
President, Ebinger Baking Company and
Trustee, The Lincoln Savings Bank
- MICHAEL C. O'BRIEN
President, M. C. O'Brien, Inc., and
Trustee, The Lincoln Savings Bank
- "Let us Break Bread Together".....SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH CHORUS
- Benediction.....RABBI JOSEPH MILLER
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BUFFET AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED





THE LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK
FOUNDED 1866

BROADWAY AND BOERUM STREET
BROOKLYN 6, NEW YORK

July 18, 1962

Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry, Editor
Bulletin of The Lincoln National Life Foundation
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. McMurtry:

I am forwarding 2 glossy prints of the beautiful bas-relief slate mural which graces the rear wall of our newly enlarged and remodelled Flatbush office, located at the corners of Church and Nostrand Avenues.

The mural unveiling ceremony held on Tuesday evening June 5th, was attended by Frank Eliscu, well-known Brooklyn born sculptor, the borough president and most of the business and professional men of the Flatbush community. (Copy of the newspaper release, invitation, brochure and program are forwarded herewith).

I shall appreciate any courtesy which you might extend with regard to the inclusion of an article and picture of the mural in some future issue of your fine monthly paper "Lincoln Lore".

If you should have need for additional information, please write me at the above address.

Cordially,

John L. Corvaia,
Assistant Secretary

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Enc.

P.S. I thought that it might be possible to place Mr. Frank Eliscu, the sculptor (shown on the left) and Mr. Wilfred Wottrich, our Chairman of the Board in the lower right hand corner of the enlarged mural glossy for better reproduction. However, I will leave the matter in your hands.

J.L.C.

July 23, 1962

Mr. John L. Corvaia
Assistant Secretary
The Lincoln Savings Bank
Broadway and Boerum Street
Brooklyn 6, New York

Dear Mr. Corvaia:

We wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter with enclosures dated July 18, 1962, addressed to Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry.

Mr. McMurtry is at present out of the office on a two weeks vacation and will return August 6. At this time your correspondence will be brought to his attention. I know he will be delighted to hear from you and to see the photographs of the beautiful bas-relief slate mural which you have placed in your offices.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Margaret Moellering

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August 8, 1962

Mr. John L. Corvaia
Assistant Secretary
The Lincoln Savings Bank
Broadway and Boerum Street
Brooklyn 6, New York

Dear Mr. Corvaia:

I have your letter of July 18, along with the photographs and literature pertaining to the slate mural of Abraham Lincoln by Frank Eliscu. This material is quite interesting and I am glad to know about this new work.

I regret to state that at the present time we cannot use this information for publication in Lincoln Lore. A great many issues are already planned ahead. However, the time may come when I will do an article on Lincoln murals and the Eliscu work would certainly fit into such a study.

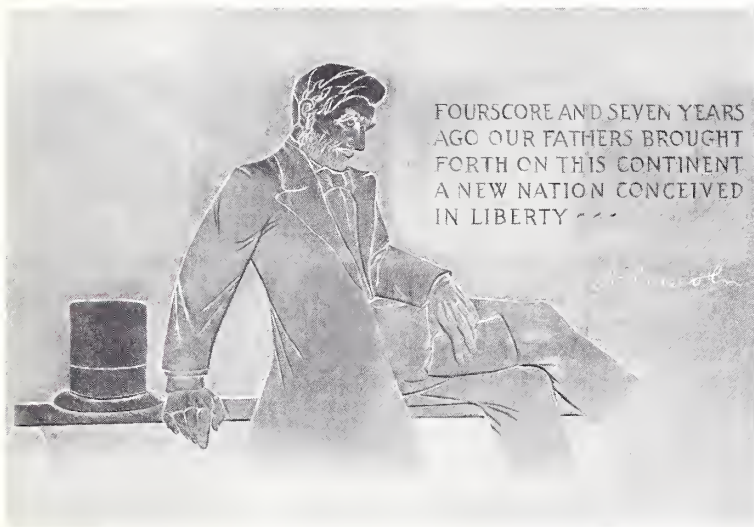
Thanking you for thinking of our Foundation in this connection, I remain

Yours sincerely,

R. Gerald McMurtry

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A priceless heritage of liberty...

● ● ● beautifully expressed and masterfully executed, this unique mural was carved in slate by sculptor Frank Eliscu, following his original design. Created especially for The Lincoln Savings Bank, it now decorates the new building of our Flatbush Office, located at Church and Nostrand Avenues, Brooklyn.

Measuring 10 feet in width and 6 feet in height, the mural is made from slate...a relatively new material for an art medium. From the original concept to finished piece, it represents many months' work...including quarrying the slate in Vermont, splitting it to the required depth, and meticulous carving by the sculptor to produce the desired multi-dimensional effect.

From its place of honor on the rear wall, it commands the entire sweep of this spacious banking floor...a fitting tribute to the great man for whom the bank was named.

About the sculptor...

Frank Eliscu is a Brooklyn-born sculptor who has earned an enviable reputation among present-day artists.

He studied at Pratt Institute, the Beaux Arts Institute and the Clay Club. During the course of his career he has been widely represented in national and museum exhibitions, and has received numerous awards and prizes in the field of sculpture. He is a member of the National Sculpture Society, the National Academy of Design, the Sculpture Center, and the Architectural League of New York, where he is vice president representing sculpture. Among his commissions are: "Shark Diver" at Brookgreen Gardens, South Carolina... the Cornell Medical College War Memorial at Olin Hall, New York City... the "Naiad Fountain" at 100 Church Street, New York City... and the slate-panel mural for the lobby of the building at 529 Fifth Avenue, New York City.



Now...in these fine new quarters you will find ample room to bank quickly, comfortably and conveniently.

FLATBUSH OFFICE
Church and Nostrand Avenues
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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FOURSCORE AND SEVEN YEARS
AGO OUR FATHERS BROUGHT
FORTH ON THIS CONTINENT
A NEW NATION CONCEIVED
IN LIBERTY - - -



